



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

In Re the Application of:

GRYGLEWICZ et al.

Serial No.: 09/710,443

Filed: November 10, 2000

Atty. File No.: 4367-1

For: "TRANSACTION TAX COLLECTION)
SYSTEM AND METHOD"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of June 28, 2001, regarding the above-identified U.S. patent application. In the Action, the Examiner has found that four inventions are being claimed, as categorized by Groups I-IV. Applicants hereby traverse the restriction requirement.

With regard to the Examiner's comments and conclusions in paragraph nos. 2-13 of the Action, findings are made related to differences between process and apparatus claims, as well as differences between combination and subcombination claims. Applicants respectfully disagree with the restriction requirements that have been entered based on those points. Applicants respectfully submit that all claims of the application are directed to computerized tax collection and proper examination of each of the claims requires searching in the same classes and pertinent subclasses. Furthermore, the inventions defined as subcombinations are essentially only relevant to those inventions that are designated combination claims by the Examiner. Based on such, the restriction

Group Art Unit: 2164

Examiner: S. McAllister

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
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requirement should be withdrawn and an examination of the merits should be made directed to all pending application claims.

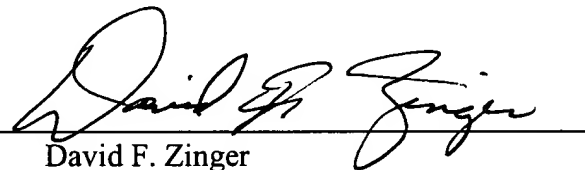
Notwithstanding this traversal, Applicants hereby elect Claim 12-21 of Group II for examination.

In light of this election, prompt examination on the merits and allowance of the elected patent application claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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